GP 1653 y certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an velope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C., 20231, on the date indicated below. 2612000 DATE: **PATENT** IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Patent Application of : Group Art Unit 1653 In re: RECEIVED Susan J. Kirst et al. Appln. No.: 09/596,194 : Examiner: TECH CENTER 1600/2900 Filed: June 16, 2000 : Attorney Docket : No. 10147-11U1 (210147.0025) For: **NOVEL GENES ENCODING PROTEINS** HAVING DIAGNOSTIC, PREVENTIVE, (MB1099-054) DEC 0 5 2000 THERAPEUTIC, AND OTHER USES INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TECH CENTER 1600/2900 It is requested that the reference(s) listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein. Copies of the references were previously cited by and/or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in related Application No. 09/342,364 , filed (the "prior application"). The present application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the filing date of the prior application. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the references are not enclosed. Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the listed reference(s) respectfully requested. Respectfully submitted, Susan J. Kirst GARY D. COLBY, Ph.D., J.D. Registration No. 40,961 AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P.

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